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FIRST YEAR OUT

LIFE AFTER MSMC

by *Heidi Hurskainen Robertson '94*

For most of us, it has taken at least 17 years. There have been sacrifices. A thousand late nights preparing for exams, writing papers . . . a thousand mornings facing impossibly busy days jammed with classes and work, not to mention all the extracurricular responsibilities we decided we could handle!

Then the culminating moment arrives: with diplomas in hand, we march back to our seats, feeling lightheaded with glee, expectant, hopeful. Family and friends offer hugs and congratulations, but the big question looms: What next?

"There are a million choices out there. I've learned so much . . . but now what do I do with it?" wonders Judi Hemenway '94. "It's exciting to have a wealth of options, but scary at the same time. There are no boundaries, no safety nets. There's no formula to follow."

Apprehension, indecision, uncertainty — feelings not unknown to recent college graduates, no matter how disciplined and focused they may have been as students. Doubts about what direction to take are common, as are twists, turns, and bumps in the road. Hemenway, for example, has wanted to be a physical therapist since her junior year of high school. Currently enrolled in the master's in physical therapy program at MSMC, Hemenway wasn't accepted to the Mount's last baccalaureate physical therapy class, so she switched her major to biology.

"It's a little embarrassing, but I confess I'm happy with the way things worked out for me," she says. "Not being accepted to the undergraduate program gave me time to mature academically. Now I feel a lot better prepared to be a physical therapist."

She has also gained a sense of serenity about her career choice. "In my first clinical last summer, I put into practice all of the things I've been learning in my classes," Hemenway adds. I'm so thrilled, because I'm finally doing what I've wanted to do since I was 16!"

For Hemenway, the final transition from student to graduate looks promising. How many recent Mount grads end up working or studying in the career field they envisioned as undergrads? According to a survey conducted by the institutional research office at MSMC, about 70 percent of recent baccalaureate graduates are employed full time; another 25 percent are attending graduate school; and about 10 percent are either working part time or unemployed. Statistics only tell part of the story, however.

JUDI HEMENWAY

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"As a student, I didn't know what kind of work I wanted to do after I graduated," Jana Cannavo '93 recalls. "I thought about everything from law to nursing — and pursued those options — only to realize that I truly enjoyed doing what I was doing in the facilities office."

Cannavo, an English major, was a conference assistant in the facilities office for three summers

JANA CANNAVO

while an MSMC student, and has worked as the campus facilities assistant at the Mount for the past two years.

"Event planning is my niche," Cannavo says, not without some surprise. "My supervisor has been an excellent teacher, and I find I love what I'm doing." Being happy in her work is helping Cannavo work toward some of her long-time goals. "I'm living on my own, I bought a car, I'm balancing a budget. I'm still at the Mount, but I'm growing as a person and in other aspects of my life."

In order to help recent alumnae address the challenges and concerns facing them, a new group has been formed by members of the Alumnae Association — MASTER (Mount Alumnae Sharing Talents, Experiences, and Resources) — and Cannavo is a charter member. According to the first *MASTER Bulletin*, which was sent to all alumnae who have graduated within the past ten years, MASTER's goals are to ". . . make a difference for the future crop of alums. . . . We want to share our knowledge and resources in order to enrich our own lives and the Mount community as a whole." The group plans to offer social opportunities for informal networking, perhaps opening the door to new career opportunities for recent graduates.

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Also involved with MASTER is Josie Salazar Romero '93, who received her associate and bachelor's degrees in liberal studies. She left the Mount on a high note, having earned multiple honors — including the President's and Community Service Awards. She was also the first recipient of the Sister Rebecca Doan Award, which recognizes an outstanding graduate who began her college career at the Doheny campus.

Now a third grade teacher, Romero's life after the Mount has included marriage, and a return to graduate school at MSMC to work on a master's degree in special education. While there are no guarantees, Romero advises new graduates to listen to their hearts. Rather that doing a job that's just a job, Romero urges students to find work they are passionate about: "If your work doesn't make you happy, find something that you can do as a volunteer that *does*, and it may lead you in a new direction professionally," she says. "I see so many young women job hopping, struggling to make the right choices. At the Mount, the caring ways of the sisters made us feel that we could conquer the world — but it's not easy!"

While a student at Doheny, Romero volunteered at nearby Lanterman School, and there discovered the rewards of working in special education. "Volunteering opened a new door for me. Otherwise, I might never have know how much I liked the special children."

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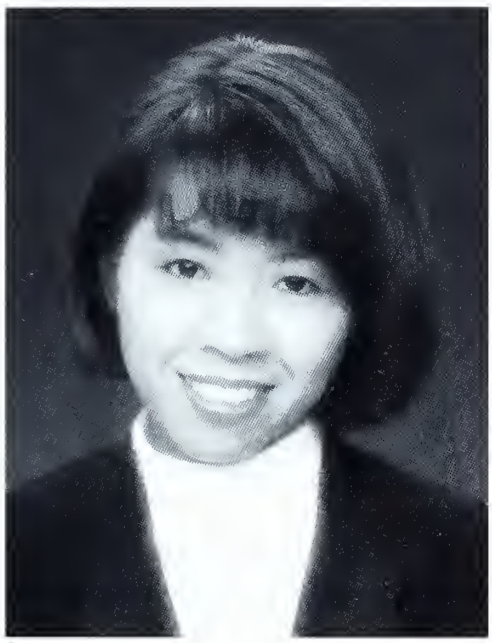
JOSIE SALAZAR ROMERO

"Most of us were so consumed with college, we were kind of at a loss after graduation," says Jenny Chen '92, who is in her second year of a pharmacology doctorate program at the University of San Francisco. "My first year out, I decided to take some time off — rest, visit family overseas, apply to graduate school, and get involved in social activities that I was too busy for as a full-time student."

Chen, a biology major, always knew she would return to college for graduate studies. She says: "My

biggest worry after graduation was about what to do if I didn't get into graduate school. When I graduated, the economic forecast was not good; what would I do next if I didn't continue my education? What kind of job would I try to get?"

By Christmas 1992, Chen was accepted to UCSF. Looking back, she is happy with her choices — from deciding to attend Mount St. Mary's, to choosing to study pharmacology. "I really treasure the time I had at the Mount, because I was able to form lasting friendships. That's harder to do in professional school," Chen explains. "The Mount taught us that we could do anything we set our minds to do."



JENNY CHEN

After graduating from USF in 1997, Chen hopes to stay in California, but it will depend upon where she goes for her fourth-year rotation. She looks forward to what her job as a pharmacist will involve. "Because the health care system is changing, pharmacists will have to take more responsibility, as far as deciding how to use medication and drug therapy most effectively and efficiently. I find that very exciting!"

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"The biggest, and most important, thing I am gaining right now is an objective look at life — with many more moments of introspection," says Jennifer Klosterman '94. Klosterman is spending her first year after graduating from the Mount in La Spezia, Italy, where she also spent time studying abroad. She is tutoring English, becoming more fluent in Italian, and traveling throughout Europe.

"I recently went to Switzerland on my friend's motorcycle," Klosterman says about her adventures abroad. "And I've been to Sardegna, Italy, to take part in a dolphin observation program."

Klosterman, a psychology major, plans to return to the United States this winter if she doesn't get a full-time job teaching English at a language school.

She says: "If I stay in Italy, I'll attend the University in Padova and study developmental psychology, because I want to work with children. But as I learn more about the daily life here, at least in La Spezia, I am seeing that nothing is as wonderful as it might seem at first. It is kind of a relaxing epiphany to realize that the grass isn't always greener."

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"Unless you're totally focused on where you're going, the first year out of college is definitely a period of transition," says Karla Marroquin '92, who is in her last semester of a master's in education program at University of Massachusetts. "Getting more practical experience in my field before graduating would have helped me focus."

Marroquin, a biology/psychology major, wasn't sure about what she wanted to do after graduating from MSMC. In summer 1992, she conducted research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, studying heat resistant fractions of *E-coli* in the department of microbiology. That experience changed her mind about the career she wanted to pursue.

"I thought I wanted to go into a Ph.D. program in biology, but after MIT, I realized that I didn't like the research aspect of it. I liked working with people better."

Marroquin came back to Los Angeles, moved in with her parents and began applying to graduate

KARLA MARROQUIN

school in physical therapy. She also took classes at Rio Hondo College, while volunteering in physical therapy at a children's hospital. She eventually moved to Massachusetts with her fiance, and received a credential to teach high school biology. She says: "Someday, I envision myself becoming a professor, but teaching high school is what I am happy doing right now."

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Karen Villanueva '94, an international business and French major, works at Handleman Katherman, Inc., as an associate project manager. At HKI, Villanueva helps coordinate the environmental consulting work her firm does in 34 cities throughout Southern California.

"We help cities in California develop and implement their used oil recycling grants. We also educate people on the hazards of dumping their used oil," Villanueva explains. "I do a lot of work with the Spanish-speaking public — translating outreach material and staffing events in cities where there is a large Latino population."

"My current job is not what I thought I'd be doing after graduation," Villanueva recalls. "I didn't think I would get my ideal job on the first try, but at least my personal requirements were met: room for growth, a professional environment, and the opportunity to show my ability."

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KAREN VILLANUEVA

For Ronnie O'Briant '95, the first year out has only just begun — and to say it's been a whirlwind is more than a slight understatement. She was caught in Hurricane Luis soon after she arrived in the Caribbean with two Mount friends, Cynthia Bayaua '94 and Julie Jergen, a '94 grad from the College of St. Rose in Albany who spent her junior year at MSMC. They had barely unpacked when they found themselves huddled for protection from the storm in an interior bedroom of a condo complex on St. Martin.

"This vacation was my gift to myself for graduating from college," says O'Briant, whose degree is in business administration. She ended up with plenty of time to think about the future as she waited out the hurricane, with no electricity and an inch of water on the floor, listening as pieces of the roof were ripped from the building and tossed into the ocean.

RONNIE O'BRIANT

When the storm passed but there were no available flights home, O'Briant joined some Dutch reporters covering the aftermath of the hurricane. They drove around the island taking pictures and interviewing people — including Prince William Alexander of Holland.

Did the experience make her wish she were safely back behind cloistered college walls? "I do miss the Mount — especially going to classes," she says. "But I'm adjusting." O'Briant was recently hired as an administrative assistant in marketing sales for Rothenberg and Associates, a software company.

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The first years after graduation are as different as the students who receive their diplomas in front of Mary Chapel each May. But many MSMC grads have in common an adventurous spirit, confidence about what they can accomplish — and a gentle nostalgia for college days, even as they are challenged by new opportunities in their lives.

__Heidi Hurskainen Robertson '94__ now lives in Colorado Springs with her husband, Matt. She worked as the public relations associate in the MSMC public relations office during her first year out.

Foreign Study Broadens Horizons

Chan Vong, with the ancient aqueducts of Segovio os the backdrop.

Senior Chan Vong spent her junior year at a university that is 400 years older, and has a student population 58,000 greater than Mount St. Mary's College — the University of Granada, in southern Spain. Surrounded by the white peaks of the Sierra Nevada and the glistening blue Mediterranean sea, Vong, a business administration and Spanish major, learned to appreciate art and architecture, developed a hunger for history, and became aware of cultures previously unknown to her.

"The year in Spain opened my mind to other people and places, and taught me not to be judgmental," says Vong, who participated in the MSMC study abroad program, which was established in 1955 by Sister Eloise Therese Mescall. "To explore the world firsthand helped me gain insights that will influence the rest of my life," Vong added.

"Students who study abroad experience a treasure of human and cultural experiences that cannot be found in any book, and for which there is no substitute," says Dr. Michele Fine, chair of the modern languages department. Fine encourages students to take advantage of this opportunity, noting that they return happier, more mature, and often more decisive about their careers.

For senior Ardis De Freece, an art major/art history minor, the year abroad during her junior year changed the course of her life. Her studies began in Florence, Italy, at Richmond College and Fortman Studios, and ended at the University of Paris (La Sorbonne) in Paris. "Before I left, I was interested in painting and printing as a profession," says De Freece. "In Europe, I was truly inspired by the restoration of medieval art taking place in the cathedrals and buildings; I discovered that what I really want to do is teach art history and restore art," says De Freece.

The fall 1994 semester also saw junior Mary Jane Gica, a liberal studies major, at the University of Granada, and senior Jackie Velez, a gerontology major, at Richmond College in London.

"The year abroad is becoming more attractive to MSMC students; this year there are six of them studying in Europe," says Fine.

Senior art major Silvia Garcia is tracing Vong's footsteps at the University of Granada. "I hope to immerse myself in the Spanish culture and learn more about myself in the process," says the future teacher or illustrator.

Fall '95 also finds senior Norma Guardado and sophomores Catina Negrete and Angelica Coronel at the University of Salamanca, Spain; and senior Maria Elena Garcia at the College International de Cannes, France. Junior Monica Diaz is enrolled at the University of Grenoble, France, for the entire academic year.

The Path Ahead for Nurses

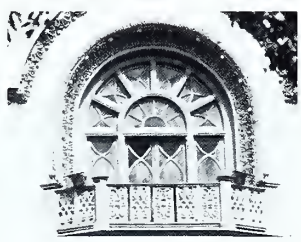
"The health industry is changing so fast, a standard is needed to guide health practitioners; the Roy Adaptation Model is that guiding light," says Dr. Jacqueline Suess Dienemann '64, guest lecturer at the 1995 Sister Callista Roy Lecture in October. Nearly 150 health care professionals and students came together to hear Dienemann and three other speakers at the Chalon campus Little Theater.

Dienemann's presentation, "Nursing's Future: Innovation and Adaptation," explored the importance of creative innovation and adaptation in the current health care environment. Dienemman has held faculty appointments at Columbia Union College and George Mason University. Currently, she serves as director of master's programs for nurses in management at The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, and holds a joint appointment as a nursing systems specialist with Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The Roy Adapatation Model, developed by Sister Callista Roy '63, former chair of the MSMC nursing department, is a concept for the study and practice of nursing. This framework, which perceives the person as a total being, focuses on the physiological, psychosocial, and spiritual care of the individual in health and during illness.

Presently, the Roy Adaptation Model is used nationally and internationally in education, research, and practice; Mount St. Mary's College is known throughout the world as the home of the Roy Model. The College's annual lecture and seminar, inaugurated in 1991, provides an opportunity for nurses to share and increase knowledge about current applications of the Model.

"The Roy lecture provides students with a vision of a future filled with possibilities, and faculty with an opportunity for pride in the Mount's unique contributions," says Dr. Marjorie Dobratz, chair of the nursing department.



The Instructional Media Center takes on a 21st century ambience in the renovated Coe Library.

Formulae for Success

"Participating in summer research programs at other colleges and universities offers students an opportunity to broaden their exposure to the field, network, and validate their own knowledge and experience. They become our ambassadors when they present their findings at professional meetings, and they make us very proud," says Dr. Eleanor Siebert, chair of the physical sciences and mathematics department.

Mathematics major Loan Nguyen '95 attended Oxford University in the fall semester of her senior year, where she studied chemistry and English literature. She is currently working on computer programming with parallel processors at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, a program she finds "extremely challenging."

The Scripps Research Institute was the choice for graduate work for Heidi Giesing '95, who majored in biochemistry and minored in computer studies. As part of her summer research work in 1994, Giesing co-authored articles on acidification in programmed cell death, which were published in the June 1995 edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, and in the summer issue of *Blood* magazine.

During summer 1995, senior Kristina Dam, a biochemistry major, participated in experiments on nasal tissue at the Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The experience confirmed Dam's plans to pursue a Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology.

Chemistry major Kim Foldenauer participated in the summer undergraduate fellowship program at the University of California at Santa Cruz, where she studied proteins found in *e-coli* bacteria. Foldenauer, a senior, will pursue a Ph.D. in biochemistry.

Kim Foldenauer (L) and Kristina Dam use a ph meter to test a liquid sample.

1925: It Was a Very Good Year

An explanation offered by Sister Dolorosa Mannix at the time of the College's founding inspired her own portrayal by an actress at Horizons Day '95.

"The incident that resulted in the founding of Mount St. Mary's College occurred following the commencement exercises on June 16, 1925, at Saint Mary's Academy . . . The Most Reverend John J. Cantwell, impressed by the large number of charming girls in the graduating class, earnestly requested Mother Margaret Mary Brady, provincial superior, to consider the establishment of a college department at the earliest possible opportunity."

Sister Dolorosa was one of the women path breakers in America's past brought to life in the Chalon Campus Center by Dorene Ludwig of the American Living History Theater. In her one-woman production, "Not Just One of the Boys: Women in a Man's World," Ludwig offered 20 dramatic characterizations, created by using the diaries, letters, and other writings of extraordinary women.

"Horizons Day gave the Mount community the opportunity to experience the thoughts and ideals of some of the most incredible women in history," said freshman Alexandra Gutierrez.

An enthusiastic group of faculty, staff, and students attended Ludwig's performance. They also celebrated the 70th anniversary of the College by rekindling traditions, and enjoying a display of historic photos depicting the College's early days. The singing of the alma mater at the end of the Horizons Day convocation revived a well-loved custom, creating a sense of oneness with previous generations of MSMC students.

Darene Ludwig af the American Living History Theater.

Beyond Beijing

"I left the conference feeling empowered, inspired, and educated," declares Kathy Phillips '96, when asked about her experience at the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing, September 4-15. "I am eager to share what I've learned."

Phillips and Andrea Graybehl '97 joined the more than 36,000 women from all over the globe who convened in the name of women's rights and equality. The ten-day long forum echoed with voices of hope — the hope that governments will commit themselves to correcting the disparities women face in so many homes and workplaces. Agreements forged at the conference will be used as a blueprint to guide world governments.

In a forum this diverse, how could women of different cultures possibly find the common ground for productive discussions of issues such as education, religion, health, and women's rights? Phillips and Graybehl agreed that despite cultural differences, the conference was characterized by a sense of solidarity. "All of the women there were seeking empowerment," Graybehl says. "That was the commonality among all of us. A lot of women went to the conference to raise issues that they could never even consider broaching in their own countries."

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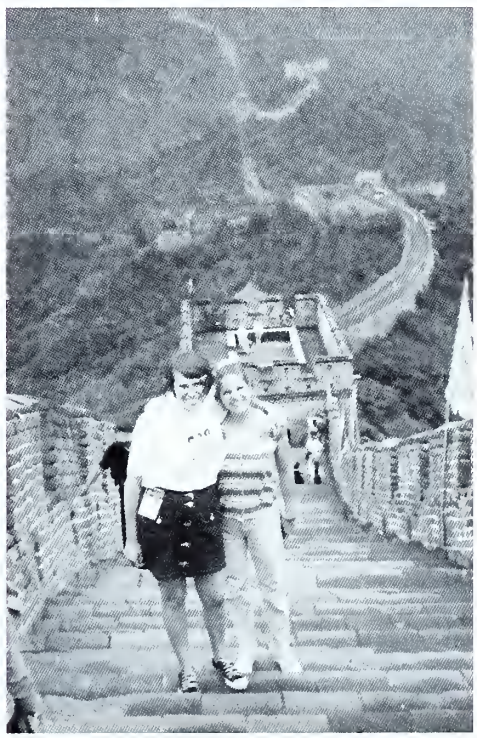
A Double Anniversary

Every year is remembered far significant celebrotions at Mount St. Mary's College; and 1995 will be nated for the 15th anniversory af the graduate pragram in religiaus studies.

To celebrate this special accasian, which caincides with the 30th onniversory af the clasing af Vatican Cauncil II, o series of lectures offered by the country's most esteemed thealagians is being presented on the Doheny campus. Designed ta examine the rale af thealagy in the '90s ond beyond, the lectures caver tapics such os feminist study of the Bible, o womon's theologicol appraach ta prayer and spirituality, the visian af the canstitution an the Church in the madern times, and on exominotion of nastra aetate (declorotion on nan-Christion religians).

Located on the Daheny campus, the graduate pragram in religiaus studies, which reflects a commitment ta the pursuit of Catholic scholorship within the brooder ronge af ecumenical Christian thaught, has gronted mare than 200 master's degrees and certificates since its founding.

"Becouse of the visian af Sister Mogdalen Coughlin, the Maunt welcomed the religious studies foculty fram Immoculote Heort College in 1980, and o curriculum of study that continues to reflect a cammitment ta excellence in thealagy in service ta the Peaple af God," says Alexis Novorro, IHM, directar of the graduate religious studies program.



Climbing China's Great Wall are Andrea Graybehl (L) and Kathy Phillips.

The Reading Room

"*The Tree of Here*, by Chaim Potok, is the story of a child who has had to move, with his family, on numerous occasions; on one of his last moves, he takes a shoot from a tree from one house with him to the next. It is Potak's first children's book, but is relevant to people of all ages. I think the symbolism of the story reminds us that we all move — not only from house to house, but from job to job, and sometimes even from one family to another. We certainly move from one level of understanding about ourselves to another level of insight. As a therapist, I look for things that help me in my work with young adults, and this book is one of them — a reminder that growing up isn't easy, and graduating from college is just the beginning of a new period of growth, change, and challenge."

Loretta McBride '71, a clinicial nurse specialist in psychiatry, now in private practice in Culver City

"*Dear James* by Jon Hassler is a treasure. Solid storytelling, unvarnished good writing, believable small-town characters skillfully portrayed. It is a story of love, friendship, and forgiveness — a warm commentary on the condition of the human heart."

Virginia Brown Marovich '46

"Two wonderful, very different books: if you've never read it, Wallace Stegner's *Angle of Repose* is a compelling 'must read' for all who love a good story, well told. My second recommendation is a work of non-fiction, primarily autobiographical — *In Search of Stones*, by M. Scott Peck. You probably know his bestseller, *The Road Less Traveled;* in this new book, Peck and his wife chronicle their travel to locations to examine the evidence of ancient civilization in the British Isles, like Stonehenge. In this powerful reflection, the Pecks reveal what they learn about themselves and each other as the search for meaning in the prehistoric rock formations."

Eileen Murphy Bigelow '65

Can you recommend a book?

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Phillips found almost unfathomable the fact that in some countries women face ostracism, even execution, for voicing their opinions. Even mere differences in attire made her aware of the comparative freedom most American women enjoy. "I now realize how fortunate I am to be able to have a voice in my government," she says. Phillips is driven by a desire to honor her late mother, Norma Bordallo, who was a Mount student in the 1950s.

"Women's issues were just beginning to emerge then as topics for public debate. I feel an obligation to be active and speak up for women's causes."

Active is definitely the word to describe both students' immediate plans. They came home charged with energy and enthusiasm, and have coordinated four on-campus workshops to disseminate material and ideas from the conference.

For Graybehl, the experience may have inspired a new and profound conviction about her career goals, with implications far beyond her undergraduate years. "I had planned on practicing law, but now I feel more inclined toward working with women's grass-roots organizations. I feel there is so much more that needs to be done to protect women of the world."

"Our alumnae are the most visible and vital expression of what the Mount is about: excellence, opportunity, values, and achievement... embodying in a unique way the ***Timeless Values for Changing Times*** *of which our Campaign speaks."*

Sister Karen M. Kennelly

Founders Day 1995: Celebrating Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

"When the founding Sisters saw their dream of a Catholic women's college in Los Angeles take shape, could they ever have imagined where we would be today...?" asked Sister Karen, speaking before a crowd of more than 200 alumnae and friends of Mount St. Mary's College at the 70th anniversary Founders Day in October.

The Founders Weekend festitivities included a series of seminars on Saturday at the Doheny campus; a luncheon in the Doheny mansion featuring remarks by acclaimed mystery writer Sister Carol Anne O'Marie, B.A. '60, M.A.T. '73; reunion receptions and dinner at Chalon; and tours of the newly-renovated Coe Library. At ceremonies on the steps of the library, three outstanding graduates of the Mount were honored. Founders Day 1995 was also marked by Sister Karen's announcement of the College's unprecedented $40 million fundraising effort, **Timeless Values for Changing Times: The Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College.**

L to R: Koren Lindell '94 joins Sister Mary Williams, choir of the MSMC English deportment, Morsho Corrigon Moulhardt '70, ond Sister Joseph Adele Edwards ot the "Women Reoding Women Writing" seminors on the Doheny compus. The seminars included classroom sessions in which olumnoe led discussions exploring their own work os writers and poets. English deportment foculty members held workshops on "Lotino Women's Voices in Literoture," ond the works of outhors Toni Marrison and Kote Chopin. Sister Joseph Adele evoked images of the Southwest in her presentotion an Willa Cather's *Deoth Comes for the Archbishop.* "Women Reoding Women Writing" wos so popular — plans are alreody underway to enlist the English deportment for on encore event celebroting women outhors ot Founders Day 1996.

At the rededicatian of Coe Library, L to R: Bishap Stephen E. Blaire, Sister Karen, and Sister M. Celine Cae, CSJ. Sister Celine gave Mount St. Mary's a gift of S314,000, a legacy fram her father. The library, dedicoted in 1947, wos named the Chorles Willard Coe Memorial Library in his honar.

Maunt students con now settle on couches in the renovated moin reoding room of the Coe library at Chalon, ond go online ot computer warkstations connecting them with extensive reseorch resources, the World Wide Web, ond emoil.

All in the family: honoring a cross-generational tradition of Mount-educated women are, standing, L to R: Charlotte Ruiz '98; Claudia Ruiz '87, presently serving as president of the Alumnae Board; and Caryn Ruiz '88. Seated are Jeanne Redell Ruiz '63, and Carla Ruiz Kozimir, holding Pauline Kazimir... Class of 2014?

Mothers and daughters celebrating at the Founders Day luncheon on October 8, are seated, L to R: Garland O'Rourke Parten '46 and Barbara Dabratt Stapleford '54; standing, L to R, are: Mary Pat Parten Gonzalez '73 and Susan Stapleford Andersen '87.

A balcony adjacent to the stacks has been enclosed to create a sunny reading and study area.

Students at the expanded reference desk in the Cae Library main reading room.

Outstanding Alumnus for Professional Achievement

Paul Salamunovich '61

Paul Salamunovich, the Music Director of the Los Angeles Master Chorale since 1991, earned his bachelor's degree in music from Mount St. Mary's College in 1961. His association with the Master Chorale dates from its very founding. A Los Angeles native, he became a charter member of the Los Angeles Concert Youth Chorus in 1946, which evolved into the Roger Wagner Chorale in 1949. When Wagner established the Chorale in 1964, Salamunovich was appointed Assistant Conductor, serving in that capacity until 1977.

He embarked on his teaching career while still a student, and taught at both MSMC and Loyola Marymount University over a period of 34 years. Salamunovich remained on the faculty of LMU for 27 years, becoming a full professor in 1980.

Music has taken him around the world — he was Conductor in Residence at both the University of Western Australia in Perth, and the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome. He has conducted at concerts, workshops, seminars, and festivals, and directed choral segments for many motion picture soundtracks, most recently *Waterworld* and *First Knight*. His many achievements have been honored around the world — from college campuses to Carnegie Hall, where he was the recipient of the first Lifetime Achievement Award presented by MidAmerica Productions. He was named Honoree of the Hollywood Bowl Patroness Committee in 1994, and in 1995, received the Distinguished Artist Award from Club 100 of the Music Center of Los Angeles County.

In addition to working with the Chorale, Salamunovich serves as the Director of Music at St. Charles Borromeo Church in North Hollywood, a position he has held since 1949. "The future of choral music is in education,"

Groduotes recognized for their outstanding achievements, L to R: Gina Poli Hsiung, Paul Salomunovich, ond Dorothy Coruso-Herman

Salamunovich says. "It is so gratifying to be assured by former students of their deep appreciation for beautiful music, as well as of the heightened respect for life and personal values that the study of music has brought them."

Two former students are now music directors — Dr. Mary Breden, a Mount graduate, has followed him as Music Director at Loyola Marymount University; and LMU student Dominic MacAller has just been appointed Choral Director at Mount St. Mary's.

Salamunovich is an ardent advocate of arts education as a path to understanding a universal form of communication. To that end, he still teaches music at St. Charles Elementary School twice a week, continuing to share his love of beauty and music.

— Carolyn Horeczko '63

Outstanding Alumna for Service to the College

Gina Poli Hsiung '80

Gina Poli Hsiung had a nice surprise when she volunteered to serve on the committee reviewing candidates nominated to receive the Outstanding Alumnae Award for 1995. She discovered that the committee wanted to honor her! But there was no evidence of that early embarrassment when she accepted her award on the steps of Coe Library on October 8 — only her radiant enthusiasm for the Mount.

In high school, Hsiung was certain that she would become a nurse. She enrolled in the Mount, aware of its excellent programs, and was struck with the Mount's friendliness and intimacy. Not long after she started, however, she switched her emphasis to early childhood development, in hopes of becoming a preschool teacher.

She became more and more involved in the life of the College, joining the Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, grappling with commuter student issues, and working in the Coe Library. It was her on-campus job that changed her life.

"I wanted to be a preschool teacher when I graduated in 1980, but so many federally-funded programs were being cut at that time that staff positions were hard to come by," Hsiung explains. "I ended up working at the MSMC library for the first three years after college." The rest, as they say, is history. Her position at the Mount was followed by a year-long stint at Loyola Marymount University Library, and then at the library at Cal State Northridge, where she has remained for eight years. Hsiung serves as the supervisor of library technical services. "It's exciting to see new books every day, and the new library technologies are challenging," she says. In 1994, CSUN recognized her dedication with its own Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service.

Hsiung's service to the Mount has been phenomenal almost from the moment she stepped on campus, and the scope and impact of her involvement have grown greater every year since her graduation. She has served on the Alumnae Board in a number of key positions since 1984. Her responsibilities have run the gamut — from serving as the Board President to chairing the Alumnae Scholarship Benefit. She has organized alumnae picnics, spoken at Career Nights, and helped with everything from Founders Day to Phon a thons. She sets quite an example for her three-year-old daughter, Michelle.

What's the hardest part of finding the time to volunteer as an alumna? "Convincing my husband that to stay in touch with what's happening on campus is really worthwhile...! Not having gone to school here, he doesn't always understand the depth of loyalty so many of us feel."

— Denise Goosby '88

Outstanding Alumna for Community Service

Dorothy Caruso-Herman '76

Dorothy Caruso-Herman began a career in nursing wanting to become a midwife; she spent the next 15 years of her rich, intensely-lived professional life as a vital participant in the care of the dying — providing support for a different, but equally momentous, life passage.

The notion that she was destined to do "something more" characterized the professional training Caruso-Herman undertook in her 40s at Pasadena City College (PCC). She returned to PCC in 1989 to receive faculty accolades for her contribution to the nursing profession and to her community.

As a student at the Mount, where she attained her B.S. in nursing in 1976, she was a "returning student" who felt not separation, but a great collegiality with her younger peers. It was a gift for connecting with people which came to identify and define Caruso-Herman's life work.

The practice and work of Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, author of *On Death and Dying*, provided the impetus for the "something more." After nursing in family practice, Caruso-Herman became committed to the concept of hospice, the holistic family-centered care of the living who are preparing for death. Her experience and service led her to co-found the Hospice Nurses Association in 1986, a national organization in which she continues to play an inspirational leadership role. Her expertise now extends to the writing of protocols for pain control, and conducting seminars. As director of education for VITAS, Caruso-Herman shares with an entire medical community the lessons she has learned so well at the bedsides of her very ill patients.

She speaks in a warm, down-to-earth manner of what, for many, is unspeakable. Caruso-Herman establishes an immediate, tactile kinship with a wide variety of people: the young, the old, the ill, the grieving. "To be still, to listen," is at the center of her work, and is manifest in her every contact with her patients. "The dying tell us what we need to know," she says. She has listened to more than 1000 terminally ill patients — speaking to her in the metaphorical language of dreams. Caruso-Herman then helps serve as a kind of intuitive interpreter for grieving families. Ever the loving realist, she speaks openly of the stages of this last life process. Her translation of what is silent and hidden from most of us opens the door to an understanding of dying as an extraordinary part of the work of a good life.

Dorothy Caruso-Herman credits Mount St. Mary's College with giving her the ability to speak and listen without fear. "I've loved where I've been, where I am, and where I will be going."

— Michelle Lundborg de la Rosa '66

Classics

'51 **Mary Lou Jandro Kimmel** retired in 1994 after more than 40 years in medical technology. She is happily busy with porcelain doll- making, Tole painting, and traveling throughout the USA.

'52 On Memorial Day weekend, **Eileen Micklish Hempfling** and her husband joined **Gloria Francis Bowen '54** and her husband at Timber Run in Winter Park, CO. Eileen and Gloria hoped to get in some sketching.

'56 **Dr. Lucy M. Cohen** received Pope John Paul II's Benemerenti Medal for her long service to Catholic University of America, where she is a professor of anthropology.

'61 **Sister Sean Patrice Smythe** attended the Eleventh Annual Highlights Foundation Writers Workshop at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York state during July. **Phyllis Lieb Ambrose** proudly notes that her daughter, Janis, has recently been accepted into the Mount's Weekend College.

'63 Two members of the Class of '63 hold positions on the alumnae board this year — **Barbara Dummel Brunner** is editorial chair and **Nance Slattery** is a trustee. **Kathy Arn Checchi** is chair of the department of foreign languages at University High School in Los Angeles, where she met her husband of 30 years! New Orleans was the site of a visit by **Collette Boland Quinn** and family for the baptism of their first grandchild. The baptism occurred in the same church where the father of **Janet Hebert Smith '63** was baptized 80 years ago. **Olivia Plascencia Webber** reports that two of her five children have graduated from college so far.

'64 **Sharon Bowen Gedan** received The American Nurses Association Award for innovations in the health care delivery system. Her book *Getting It Right: Life Choices and Life Traps* was published by Random House in September. She has a private psychotherapy practice in LA. **Sister Louise McDonald,** CSJ, has received a master's in social work degree from the University of Washington in Seattle, and has relocated to the San Fernando Valley.

'65 **Catherine Cozy Geiler** is a teacher/librarian at Sacred Heart Academy in San Diego, working with students in K-8. The new personnel manager for the City of Burbank is **Brenda Tucker.**

'66 **Emily Deutsch Keller** recently celebrated her daughter's wedding. The Women's Conference in Beijing was the site of an exhibition of photographs of Peruvian highland and rainforest women by **Linda Ercole-Musso.** Linda currently lives and works in Peru as an artist and teacher.

'69 **Mary Lou De Leon Siantz** represented the American Nurses Association with the International Council of Nurses at the September '95 meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Washington, D.C. She is an associate professor on sabbatical from the department of psychiatric mental health nursing at Indiana University.

'70 **Teresa M. Dunbar** works for the State of Delaware in the Deptartment of Child Mental Health, testing, assessing, and writing psychological evaluations of adolescents and implementing treatment plans. Teaching a new class of revenue agents for the IRS, **Patricia Cosma Schreiber** spent two months in Hawaii.

Alumnae at the Head of the Class

Two alumnae recently returned to MSMC to meet with students in a chemistry seminar. **Karen McKnight-Compton '87** was one of the first students involved in the National Institutes of Health Minority Biomedical Research Programs (MBRS). She told students about her "pioneer work" in the cholesterol research program with Dr. Eleanor Siebert, chair of the physical sciences and mathematics department. After working as an engineer with Hughes Aircraft, she entered the environmental field as a consultant. McKnight-Compton is currently director of the business outreach programs at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Martha Gonzalez '89 graduated with a double major: chemistry and biological sciences. Also an MBRS participant, she described how she introduced freshman honors students to the new atomic absorption spectometer. She earned a master's degree in public health from UCLA in 1994, and has coordinated public health conferences designed to attract underrepresented minorities to careers in public health.

'72 Last fall, **Kathleen Knudsen DeSantis** visited classmates **Roslyn Olaes Granger, Bea Gutierrez Rush** and **Cindy Elder Jenkins** in the Oregon-Washington area. She continues to work as a senior attorney at the 5th District Court of Appeals in Fresno. **Jane Casserly Kimball** and her family moved to Northern California, where she teaches nursing at Sacramento City College. Her sister, alumna **Evan Casserly McCabe '78**, teaches nursing at Santa Barbara City College. With her children in high school and college, **Mary Lou Lynch** teaches pediatric and medical/surgical nursing at Lane Community College in Oregon.

'73 **Michelle Brooks Burke** works on fund-raising projects for her youngest daughter's grade school, Mission San Juan Capistrano, and her older daughters' high school. She keeps in regular touch with classmates: **Julia Milward Kinmartin, Patty Keating Spivak, Karen**

MVP *Profile*

Isabel Hernandez Sibayan '80

"I love promoting the Mount in any way I can," says Isabel Hernandez Sibayan '80. "I can't donate millions, but I can give of myself and my time to the Mount Volunteer Program (MVP)."

Sibayan has attended college fairs, assisted with dessert socials for prospective students, and written congratulatory letters to admitted students in her local area, Santa Barbara. She also spoke at the Doheny campus Admitted Students Day in April.

"Since I am bilingual in English and Spanish, I was able to talk to parents who didn't understand English very well," Sibayan recalls. "Two sets of parents had children who were leaving home for the first time. I felt good about being able to answer their questions about life on campus."

Sibayan knows a lot about both campuses, since she first attended Doheny, then transferred to Chalon to complete her bachelor of arts degree in education. Currently a first grade teacher in Santa Barbara, Sibayan is also attending education classes in the master's degree program at Doheny on a part-time basis.

"When I got my first teaching job, I realized how much the Mount's dynamic teachers and programs had prepared me for the 'real' world," she says. MSMC challenged Sibayan to maintain high academic standards, yet offered her something more: "The Mount helped me grow as a person — not only academically, but also socially and spiritually. I never felt like a number; everyone knew me as a person," she explains. In addition to serving as junior class representative and a member of the Junior Education Board, Sibayan was pledge mistress for Kappa Delta Chi Sorority.

Now, the Mount Volunteer Program gives Sibayan a chance to help young women who are choosing a college. In return, she enjoys the benefit of maintaining close bonds with her alma mater, and other alums who cherish their Mount St. Mary's experience.

Isabel Hernandez Sibayan

The Mount Volunteer Program (MVP)

- Over 100 alumnae throughout California, Arizona, Hawaii, Guam, and New Mexico are involved with the MVP, which was launched in 1993.
- Volunteers can assist in a wide variety of ways, from answering questions from applicants over the phone to hosting events for prospective Mount students in their areas.
- There is an annual training session held each fall for MVP volunteers.

Call for more information:
Nina Carter-King
Assistant Director of Admissions
(310) 471-9546 or (800) 999-9893

Macey Jackson, Mary Lano Strong, Linda Keehn Greenwood, Jeri Hicks Beck, and **Mary Ferencz Cowlishaw.**

'76 Last summer **Ann Gleason Grover** and her family moved from Oklahoma City to Minot, ND, as the result of her husband's transfer and promotion. She is very busy with her five children.

'77 **Pamela Kennedy Oborski** and her husband are settling into their home in Darien, CT.

'78 **Terri A. McAtee-Marino** recently travelled to Portugal with her mother, and remains active caring for her three young children while facing the challenge of living with multiple sclerosis. After working in the E.R. for three years at Loma Linda University Medical Center, **June Perry** now investigates malpractice claims filed against the medical center and its staff. **Katina Zaninovich** volunteers for the Cancer Foundation of Santa Barbara as a trustee, and assists Postpartum Education for Parents (PED) with classes and a hotline.

'79 **April Hazard Vallerand** completed her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Pennsylvania in May, and now is a postdoctoral fellow in psychosocial oncology there.

'80 **Barbara Mickens Washington** was appointed last summer to serve as assistant deputy comptroller for the Bureau Cash and Debt Management for the State of New York. Washington brings her mix of public and private financial experience and expertise to this new job after more than five years with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, most recently as the MTA's director of finance.

'83 **Adrienne Allison** continues her position as a staff nurse at Holy Cross Hospital in Mission Hills, CA. Living with her husband and children in Simi Valley, **Eileen Schantz Pratt** works as a critical care nurse at Northridge Hospital.

'88 While writing a chapter on organ transplantation for a nursing textbook, **Eileen McNamara** works as the pediatric transplant coordinator for California Pacific Medical Center at Stanford. **Jokay Micek Kearns** enjoys staying home to care for her three children where she feels her nursing comes in handy on a daily basis. **Jeanne Soukup** is an assitant program specialist with Los Angeles County Tuberculosis Control.

'89 Working as a social worker at House of Ruth, a shelter for homeless women and children, **Carmen Espindola Rodriguez** is also busy raising two children and singing with the church choir for Mass every Sunday.

'90 **Julie Jantz Gutierrez** received her masters from Cal State Long Beach as a family nurse practitioner and recently purchased her first home in Torrance.

'91 **Sara Hebert** has been promoted to serve as the editor of employee communications for ARCO.

The Maunt Assaciates were in the fast lane at their fall event at the Petersen Autamative Museum, lacated in L.A.'s Miracle Mile "Museum Raw" district. L ta R, standing, are: Gail and Jahn Sullivan; Margaret and J. Rabert Vaughan. Seated, L ta R: Mark and Claudia Faster, wha served as the ca-chairs far the event; Sister Karen; and Tam and Jady Bergin. A raaftap receptian and elegant dinner fallawed self-guided taurs af the classic autamabiles an display at the museum.

Special Thanks

Alumnae who have represented the College at inaugurations are:

Dr. Leigh Albizati Segel '65 at UC Davis

Kathryn Macek '68 at Elms College

Susan Matthews Wallace '66 at Loyola College, Maryland

Bevin Goodwin Cetta '86 at Randolph-Macon College

Christina Longo Porter '87 at Stephens College

Kathleen Gilmartin McNamara '85 at Spalding University

Carron Vincent Maxwell '58 at Saint Xavier University

'94 **Rachel E. Mino** has completed her first year of medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago, helped three physicians doing research last summer, and volunteered in a tutoring program for inner-city youths. **Joy Di Palma** has been serving as an associate producer for USA Networks in New York City for nearly a year; she handles all on-air promotions. **Jennifer Kurihara** became an English teacher at the Kyobashi School in Osaka, Japan, in September 1995.

Two by Two

The members of the Alumnae Association extend best wishes to the following alumna and her husband:

'85 Lisa Wiegner to Kevin Cullinane

By-Lines

The members of the Alumnae Association extend congratulations to the following alumna and her husband on the birth of their daughter:

'85 Kristin to Lisa Wiegner Cullinane

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'35 Katherine O'Meara
'53 Sister Pauline Butler, CSJ
'55 mother of Jude Longshore Nichols and Shirley Longshore Herz '72, and grandmother of Monica Nichols Gordon '83
'60 father of Kathleen McGowan Harriff and Dorothy McGowan Thomas '62
'67 Mary Masculine McCoy
'86 husband of Sylvia Duffin Raoux

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

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It is a pleasure to welcome **Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Checchi** into the Heritage Society. Through their Checchi Foundation, Kathy and Al have contributed to MSMC's endowed fund for "Inner City Scholarships."

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On the cover: Making the mother-daughter connection at Founders Day are two "Mounties" with more than their genes in common: standing behind her mother, Joan Wright De Freece '70, is senior art major/history minor Ardis De Freece.

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Tuesday, December 12
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Come celebrate the holidays with friends and The Melo-Hayes Trio.

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January 23 – February 24
Art Exhibit: "Narman Schwab"
Reception an Sunday, January 21, 1:00 pm - 3 pm
Jasé Drudis-Biada Gallery, Chalan
Exhibit runs to February 24.

FEBRUARY

Saturday-Sunday, February 10-11
Reclaiming the Bible: A Cathalic Respanse ta Fundamentalism
9:15 am - 4:00 pm
Lecture Hall, Daheny campus

Father Ronald Witherup, SS, presents a clear summary of Catholic teaching on the Bible, and demonstrates that a proper response to fundamentalism includes Catholics reclaiming the Bible in a new and vibrant way.

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Saturday, March 30
Easter Egg Hunt
1:30 pm -3:30 pm
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